

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1        1. A wireless local area network system, comprising:
  - 2              a network address translation (NAT) router coupled to a public network adapted
  - 3              to assign a private address to a mobile wireless device and to assign a global address for
  - 4              communications to the public network; and
  - 5              a plurality of access points in communication with the NAT router, the access
  - 6              points adapted to provide wireless communications with the mobile wireless device,
  - 7              wherein the mobile wireless device communicates with at least one of the access
  - 8              points at a time, data for the mobile wireless device is broadcast to all of the access
  - 9              points, and recently-received data is buffered at one or more of the access points adjacent
  - 10             to the at least one access point currently in communication with the mobile wireless
  - 11             device.
- 1        2. The system according to claim 1, further including a server to receive data from
- 2        and transmit data to the plurality of access points.
- 1        3. The system according to claim 1, further including a plurality of routers, wherein
- 2        a router is associated with each one of the plurality of access points to route data therebetween.
- 1        4. The system according to claim 1, wherein the private address is a private Internet
- 2        Protocol (IP) address.

1           5.     The system according to claim 1, wherein the global address is a global Internet  
2     Protocol (IP) address.

1           6.     The system according to claim 1, wherein the access points utilize Direct  
2     Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS).

1           7.     The system according to claim 1, wherein the access points utilize Frequency  
2     Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS).

1           8.     The system according to claim 1, wherein the public network is an Internet.  
  
1           9.     A wireless local area network system, comprising:  
2         a mobile wireless device;  
3         a network address translation (NAT) router coupled to a public network to assign  
4         a private address to the mobile wireless device and to assign a global address for  
5         communications to the public network;  
6         a plurality of access points in communication with the NAT router, the access  
7         points adapted to provide wireless communications with the mobile wireless device,  
8         wherein the mobile wireless device communicates with at least one of the access  
9         points at a time, data for the mobile wireless device is broadcast to all of the access  
10        points, and recently-received data is buffered at one or more of the access points adjacent  
11        to the at least one access point currently in communication with the mobile wireless  
12        device.

1        10.     The system according to claim 9, further including a server to receive data from  
2 and transmit data to the plurality of access points.

1        11.     The system according to claim 9, further including a plurality of routers, wherein  
2 a router is associated to each one of the plurality of access points to route data therebetween.

1        12.     The system according to claim 9, wherein the private address is a private Internet  
2 Protocol (IP) address.

1        13.     The system according to claim 9, wherein the global address is a global Internet  
2 Protocol (IP) address.

1        14.     The system according to claim 9, wherein the access points utilize Direct  
2 Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS).

1        15.     The system according to claim 9, wherein the access points utilize Frequency  
2 Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS).

1        16.     The system according to claim 9, wherein the public network is an Internet.

1        17.     A method of wireless local area network communication, comprising:  
2                assigning a private address to a mobile wireless device;  
3                communicating with at least one of a plurality of access points at a time;

4           broadcasting data for the mobile wireless device to all of the access points;

5           and

6           buffering recently-received data at one or more of the access points  
7           adjacent to the at least one access point currently in communication with the mobile  
8           wireless device.

1           18.       The method according to claim 17, further including receiving data and

2           transmitting data to the plurality of access points.

1           19.       The method according to claim 17, wherein the private address is a private

2           Internet Protocol (IP) address.

1           20.       The method according to claim 17, further including assigning a global address

2           for communications to a public network.

1           21.       The method of claim 20, wherein the public network is an Internet.

1           22.       The method of claim 20, wherein the global address is a global Internet Protocol

2           (IP) address.

1           23.       The method according to claim 17, wherein the access points utilize Direct

2           Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS).

1           24. The method according to claim 17, wherein the access points utilize Frequency  
2           Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS).

1           25. An access point for wireless local area network communication with a mobile  
2           wireless device, comprising:  
3                 a machine-readable storage medium; and  
4                 machine-readable program code, stored on the machine-readable storage medium,  
5                 having instructions to

6                         transmit a private address to the mobile wireless device assigned by a  
7                         network address translation (NAT) router,  
8                         communicate wirelessly with the mobile wireless device, wherein the  
9                         mobile wireless device communicates with at least one of a plurality of access  
10                  points at a time, and data for the mobile wireless device is broadcast to all of the  
11                  access points, and  
12                  buffering recently-received data if the access point is adjacent to the at  
13                  least one of the plurality of access points currently in communication with the  
14                  mobile wireless device.

1           26. The access point according to claim 25, wherein the machine-readable program  
2           code further includes instructions to receive data from and transmit data to a server.

1           27. The access point according to claim 25, wherein the private address is a private  
2           Internet Protocol (IP) address.

1           28. The access point according to claim 25, wherein the access point utilizes Direct  
2         Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS).

1           29. The access point according to claim 25, wherein the access point utilizes  
2         Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS).

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